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WHO ARE THE MEN IN BLACK?

by Robert S. Easley

In 1953 Albert K. Bender closed down his UFO research organization, the International Flying Saucer Bureau, because of what he was told by three men in dark clothing. Subsequently called the Three Men in Black, Bender claimed they told him the secret to the flying saucer mystery and then frightened him out of the UFO mystery.

Since Bender's episode these "Men in Black" have continued to plague UFO researchers. They have not only gone in for silencing witnesses but also keeping certain sightings and photographs from the American public. They have continually photographed the homes and families of persons having close encounters with UFOs and have even disguised themselves as government officials to gain access to saucer information.

While interviewing Col. George P. Freeman, Pentagon spokesman for Project Bluebook, John Keel, noted UFO expert, was told, "We have checked a number of these cases and these men are not connected with the Air Force in any way."

Col. Freeman also commented on the appearance of men wearing Air Force uniforms who ordered the witnesses of a UFO sighting at Wanaque, New Jersey, not to mention their report to anyone. "We checked with the local AFB and discovered that no one connected with the Air Force had visited Wanaque on the date in question. Whoever they were, they weren't from the Air Force."

Because of the Wanaque incident and other cases similar to it the Air Force decided that they should do something about it since impersonating an Air Force officer was a federal offense. Col. Freeman admitted that "We haven't been able to find out anything about them. By posing as Air Force officers and government agents they are committing a Federal offense. We would sure like to catch one."

In a letter to all commands dated 1 March 1967 entitled "Impersonations of Air Force Officers," and signed by Lt. Gen. Hewitt T. Wheless, AF Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, the following is stated: "Information, not verifiable, has reached Hq USAF that persons claiming to represent the Air Force or other Defense establishments have contacted citizens who have sighted unidentified flying objects. In one reported case an individual in civilian clothes, who represented himself as a member of NORAD, demanded and received photos belonging to a private citizen. In another, a person in an Air Force uniform approached local police and other citizens who had sighted a UFO,

assembled them in a school room and then told them that they did not see what they thought they saw and that they should not talk to anyone about the sighting. All military and civilian personnel and particularly Information Officers and UFO Investigating Officers who hear of such reports should immediately notify their local OSI offices."

John Keel, who has done a fantastic amount of research into the MIB aspect, feels that the Air Force has actually helped the sinister "Men" perform their evil deeds. He writes in the October 1967 issue of Saga Magazine; "But I now have documented proof that another group has been engaged in the same kind of activity (silencing of witnesses - author) for years - and has been getting away with it, much to the Pentagon's consternation. Furthermore, this second group has not been afraid to employ wire-tapping, mail tampering, thievery, and even physical violence in order to achieve their goals. After a long and detailed study of this bizarre undercover conspiracy I am forced to conclude that the U. S. A. F. has, through a display of incredible stupidity, unwittingly has been aiding these "mystery men."

Keel bases his evidence on the UFO investigation policies of the U. S. government since 1948. In September of that year the Air Technical Intelligence Center sent a Top Secret "Estimate of the Situation" to the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg. The conclusion of this report was that the flying saucers were interplanetary spaceships. This report was later declassified and immediately destroyed.

Gen. Vandenberg could not accept this conclusion so he sent it back to ATIC. He felt that no concrete physical evidence was available to support the interplanetary answer. The UFO investigators at Dayton were ordered to write up another report. They did - in 1949.

The conclusion of the 1949 Project Sign report was accepted by the Air Force. The conclusion reads as follows: "No definite and conclusive evidence is yet available that could prove or disprove the existence of these unidentified objects as real aircraft of unknown and unconventional configuration. It is unlikely that positive proof of their existence will be obtained without examination of the remains of crashed objects. Proof of non-existence is equally impossible to obtain unless a reasonable and convincing explanation is determined for each incident."

The report also succeeded in writing off all UFO sightings as either weather balloons, stars, planets, natural phenomena or insufficient information. This, however, did not make the investigators happy.

In 1952 an investigation was set up to make a study of the controlled motion of UFOs. It was felt that a study of UFO flight patterns might give evidence as to whether they were under intelligent control or not. Nothing really came of this study except that Project Bluebook apparently did not know what to accept as proof and what not to accept as proof.

In November of 1952 a panel of scientists met at ATIC to review the UFO situation. They realized that, as the late Capt. Edward Ruppelt put it, "Giving a final answer would require a serious decision - probably one of the most serious since the beginning of man." They had a tough job in their hands.

The panel, under the watchful eyes of the Central Intelligence Agency, felt that UFOs should be debunked as not existing. An excerpt of their report reads, "The 'debunking' aim would result in reduction in public interest in 'flying saucers' which today evokes a strong psychological reaction. This education could be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles. Basis of such education would be actual case histories which had been puzzling at first but later explained. As in the case of conjuring tricks, there is much less stimulation if the 'secret' is known. Such a program should tend to reduce the current gullibility of the public and consequently their susceptibility to clever hostile propaganda."

The report also stated that, "The panel took cognizance of the existence of such groups as the 'Civilian Flying Saucer International' (defunct) and the 'Aerial phenomena Research Organizaiton' (Arizona). It was believed that such organizations should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind."

As can be seen, the CIA not only requested a debunking of the saucer mystery but also a careful watch of all UFO organizations. Here the CIA was allowing the Air Force and any other agency (in or out of this world) to haress any organizations investigating UFOs.

Could the mysterious "Men In Black" therefore be from a higher agency than the Air Force in our own government? This is unlikely since the MIB disguise themselves as insurance salesmen, sweeper salesmen, pots and pans salesmen or missing heir investigators just to check out UFO witnesses, some which the AF have already investigated.

Could the "Men In Black" be the actual occupants of the flying saucers themselves? This seems to be the most likely answer. John

Keel, in the conclusion of his article "UFO Agents Of Terror" writes, "There is one frightening and incredible answer to all this..... Who might have the best possible motive for suppressing UFO stories and seizing photographs and physical evidence? The unlikely solution stares at us: the UFO occupants themselves!"

Keel tells us of an incident which occurred in late 1966 to a professional photographer. It seems that the photographer took a number of very excellant photographs of a "huge, unearthly metallic disc." After developing the pictures in his dark room he hung them up to dry and then left his studios, keeping news of the sighting and subsequent photos to himself. When he returned a few hours later "he discovered that someone had broken in and stolen all the prints and negatives. They did not touch any of his other pictures, nor did they attempt to steal any of his valuable equipment. It was obvious that whoever entered his studio had been after only that one thing: the UFO pictures."

In another case Rex Heflin took four photographs of a hat-shaped UFO through the windshield of his truck with a Model 101 Polaroid camera. The sighting, which took place on August 3, 1965, in Orange County, California, also involved an electro-magnetic effect on his two-way radio in the cab of his truck.

During the investigation conducted by two NICAP members, when asked for the original prints, Heflin said: "If I had the prints NICAP would be welcome to borrow them. Unfortunately NORAD (North American Air Defense) has them and I'm not sure when they will be returned. I have no idea who the person was that borrowed them so I will have to trust to his honesty to return them. He did state that he was from the North American Defense Command G-2 and he displayed a folder containing various coloured credentials."

However, NORAD's Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. M. M. Magee has this to say about it. "For your information NORAD does not have the responsibility for evaluation of UFO's and therefore would not knowingly be in the business of collecting UFO pictures for evaluation. In addition the office of primary interest for UFO matters is the Department of the Air Force."

Who took the pictures? NICAP had copies of them but not the originals. The Air Force didn't even show up till the sighting was two months old, so they couldn't have gotten them. NORAD stated that they weren't even interested in UFOs so that leaves only one possible explanation - The "Men In Black".

The MIB have also used the telephone system to scare witnesses. Various UFO researchers and average witnesses all over the country have received weird or threatening phone calls. Others have reason to

believe that their phone was tapped or else they receive calls from someone who claims to be someone else. These types of calls are either obvious hoaxes or are planned to "throw off" researchers in their investigations of particular sightings.

John Keel has reported that he received a phone call from Gray Barker, leading UFOlogist and author of a number of books on UFOs, concerning a sighting in Pennsylvania. Keel later checked out the call and discovered that it had not been made by Barker, although whoever made it had used Barker's phone.

Someone has also been threatening UFO witnesses in the Long Island, New York area and using the name of Gray Barker or Mrs. Gray Barker (no such person), while Barker himself has received mysterious calls from a person claiming to be Dr. Morris K. Jessup, who has been dead for several years.

UFO witnesses have also received calls which consist only of a steady beeping sound. From January to April of 1967 the calls were centered in the West Virginia area, the same place where the "Moth Man" is terrorizing residents.

Policemen have reported picking up strange voices on their radios. They are like "speeded up phonograph records" or someone "speaking Spanish or Puerto Rican very fast." These voices have also been picked up on CB radios.

In a letter to me dated November 8, 1967, Keel writes, "Hundreds of people all over the country have been receiving these peculiar 'hoax' calls this year, all of them fitting into a general pattern, and I have quietly been collecting info on them and trying to piece those patterns together."

It is thought that the MIB are responsible for the weird phone calls but there is one other possible explanation - for some of them at least. In a letter to me dated July 18, 1967, Bruce Derricotte, Data Systems Program Manager for International Telephone and Telegraph, writes the following: "Currently, I am responsible for the development and installation of computer controlled communication complex in the Department of State at Washington, D. C. Several months ago while visiting the Department's present facilities, they were encountering all kinds of communication interruptions. It was known that this problem was general to the Washington area and was resulting from several severe hydrogen explosions occurring on the sun's surface causing ionospheric disturbances. This phenomenon, referred to as the Dellinger effect, is the result of a burst of ionizing radiation from solar eruptions on the sun that causes sudden abnormal increase in the ionization of the ionosphere. This

results in a great increase in absorption that waves undergo in entering and leaving the ionized region. Such radio fade-out is usually complete within less than a minute, and lasts from ten minutes to several hours.

"Several years ago this phenomenon did not appear to affect telephone communication as frequently as it did radio communication. Developments in the telephone industry during the past fifteen years have increased the utilization of micro-wave radio for simultaneous transmissions of telephone traffic. At the frequencies these micro-wave radio units operate, they are subject to ionospheric disturbances of great magnitude.

"The above effect may partially explain several of the telephone disturbances mentioned in your letter, but cannot satisfy all such occurrances."

The MIB also photograph the homes and families of people who have close encounters with, or who had good observations of, unidentified flying objects. Some people who were photographed had not even mentioned their sighting to anyone. Yet, they were visited a few days after their experience by dark - clothed men in black Cadillacs.

John Keel, writing in the April 1968 issue of Fate Magazine, describes a case involving the wife of a prominent New York (state) politician. It involves the taking of photographs of her house by two dark skinned, Oriental-type people in black clothes who stood five feet nine inches tall. They took the pictures at 9:30 pm.

Oriental-type people were also seen by reliable witnesses taking pictures of homes in West Virginia, Ohio and Long Island in the summer of 1967. All of them involved men in dark suits or dark turtle-neck sweaters.

The fall 1967 issue of Saucer News relates a number of MIB cases. In one incident they tried to kidnap a girl who saw the "Moth Man." The kidnaper was a "tanned young man who was driving an old car that looked like new."

Also mentioned were teams of men who visited UFO spotters in the state of Washington under the guise of Civil Defense representatives. Canada, Maine, New Jersey and California were also hosts to so-called government agents.

Long Island, New York, had a busy time last summer, having to put up with two men in Air Force uniforms who ordered UFO witnesses to remain silent under gun point. The two men, claiming to be "Lt. Frank Davis" and "Col. John Dalton", also had witnesses fill out a long,

complicated questionaire. The Air Force subsequently denied that there were any men with those names on the Island.

Keel told Saucer News that he followed "Lt. Davis" after he was seen in a postman's uniform taking pictures of the residences of UFO sighters. Apparently nothing came of it though.

On August 5th "Davis" was said to be captured "by agents from an unidentified law agency. 'Davis' was in a public place when two well-dressed men approached him and forcibly removed him. All three men then drove away in a large black car, either a Cadillac or a Lincoln, according to the many witnesses."

The MIB have also been reported to have tried to run down UFO witnesses. A black Cadillac tried to run down a witness on Long Island on August 4th. Other witnesses they have unsuccessfully tried to kidnap or gun down.

Strange men also made an appearance at the 1967 Congress of Scientific UFOlogists, held in the Hotel Commodore in downtown New York City. These men, who watched various delegates, "looked and acted like official military or civilian investigators," according to Saucer News.

During the convention someone broke into the rooms of James Mosely, Allen Greenfield and myself, and although nothing turned up missing it was evident that they had searched the rooms. It was not the hotel's maids, as we later discovered, because they left definite clues to show us that someone had been nosey.

In the case of my room someone or someones went through my files containing letters from the Air Force, Congressmen, and such people as Dr. Robert Low (University of Colorado UFO Investigator), William Powers (Assistant to Dr. Hynek), etc. The clues they left behind were a phone dangling off the hook, the shower running and the desk chair sitting on my bed, turned upside down. A maid would not have done all that and besides, I had a "Do Not Disturb" sign on the door.

The Closed Sessions were also infiltrated by two strange men, one claiming to be a Mr. James M. Bond. One had a big white sack, which he always kept his right hand in. A perfect place to hide a tape recorder.

Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the University of Colorado UFO Project, was also in attendence. He was constantly watched too because whoever took a picture of him had his picture taken by someone else. Whether this was for his own protection or the MIB were interested in who was interested in Condon, we don't know.

There were a number of other strange happenings at the 1967 Convention but no one thought to do any real checking at the time. Everyone was too wrapped-up in the Congress at the time, to worry about the "Men In Black".

Since July 11, 1967, my investigation into the UFO phenomena has been hampered by what has since become known as the "Three Men In Black." "They" have repeatedly placed obstacles in my path - and the paths of other serious researchers - to keep us from gaining more evidence that would prove UFOs are intelligently controlled spaceships from another planet.

It all began in the wee morning hours of the 11th when I was called upon by an elderly Defiance lady to check out her report of an unidentified object in the sky. While I was checking it out I noticed that I was being followed by a man in a black sedan with no license plates. The man was dressed in black shoes, socks and dress pants with a dark blue pull-over shirt. I had never seen him before.

From that time on I have constantly been followed and watched. I have received some two dozen phone calls where a monotoned, mechanical voice would tell me to"..... get out of the saucer field or else."

The first real act of violence on the part of the "Three Men" came on February 25, 1968. On that date I had given a UFO lecture to a group of Boy Scouts and their parents. As I was walking out to my car afterwards, at about 9:45 pm., I was shot at by two men driving a dark-colored car without the lights on. I could see no license plate on the rear of the car as it continued down the street, running a red light at the intersection. I could not make out the features of the two men as they had dark hats pulled down low over heir heads. Lucky for me "they" were apparently bad shots!

Later on that same eveing I received another mysterious phone call. The same monotone voice as before said, "If you and your buddies from Cleveland are not out of the saucer field by next Sunday we will have to take other means of action." If you think I was scared after this ..... well, you're right.

I informed my "Cleveland buddies" that apparently we were to be "immolated" on March 3, 1968. Being "one for all and all for one," my buddies - Rick Hilberg, Ed Biebel and Tom Nealings - came to Defiance on the 3rd so that we could, if it were the case, be "immolated" together.

Hoping to take a few of "them" with us, we staged a fake UFO landing in a wooded area east of Defiance with me as the bait. Rick, Tom and Ed were safely hid on a hill watching me. Even though they were heavily armed I was still hesitant about possibly becoming a red

mist, to float away in the wind.

Apparently the MIB didn't fall for our trap because no one showed up. We spent the remainder of the day riding around Defiance offering ourselves to whatever fate "they" had in store for us, but no one took us up on it. Whether they felt we weren't worth the trouble or what we'll never know.

I don't think it was a gag as other UFOlogists have been experiencing the same or similar problems all over the country. The MIB are becoming a serious problem to UFOlogy. Perhaps we should get the services of David Vincent, who's theories of an invasion might not be crazy after all. The MIB could be covering up the preliminary work for an invasion from outer space. Who knows?

UFO OCCUPANTS

by Robert S. Easley

The question of who or what pilots the UFOs has generally been skipped over by UFOlogists and various organizations, simply because it is a controversial and very touchy aspect of the UFO mystery. The two major UFO organizations in the United States even differ on opinions concerning the spacemen. APRO - the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization - feels that the "little men" do exist and have communicated with Earthlings while NICAP - The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena - feels that there is no evidence to support any of these contactee claims.

Personally, I believe in the "little men" stories; of small, humanoid-type beings between three and half and five feet tall but I do not accept the out-right contactee claims, such as Adamski's, Fry's, etc Adamski, for example, claimed to have been given several rides in outer space in UFOs but yet he offered no concrete evidence to support his claims.

There are a lot of cases reported to UFO organizations that concern small human-like beings beside the craft. The best reference for these reports would be the documented book by Coral and Jim Lorenzen, directors of APRO, titled Flying Saucer Occupants or the magazine put out by Englands Flying Saucer Review titled the Humanoids. Both items have carefully documented reports from people all over the world.

The Lorenzens discuss the following report in their book. They state that it is the "granddaddy of all 'occupant' sightings in the United States:"

On 21 August 1955 a fiery gun battle broke out between eleven earthlings (eight adults, three children) and a group of three and a half feet tall creatures wearing shiny garments and having webbed hands with long claws.

The space beings, seen at night, glowed and walked like a monkey or a very old man. According to Mrs. J. C. Sutton, one of the witnesses, their suits were as shiny as aluminium foil.

The whole incident began when Bill Sutton, a teenager, reported the landing of a bright glowing object behind their barn, near Hopkinsville, Kentucky, at around 7 o'clock.

Approximately one hour later the dog began to bark so two of the men took a look out the back door. They saw a creature, after which they grabbed a .22 caliber pistol and fired it. The creature, after being

hurled backward, hopped back up and ran away. After being fired at some fifty times the creatures apparently decided they had had enough even though they were not harmed by the bullets. Elmer and John Sutton, who did the shooting, both stated that they could hear the bullets hit the spacemen but each time they popped back up.

When the eleven decided the beings were gone they took off for the Hopkinsville Police Station. Russell Greenwell, the Police Chief, believed their story as he told Frank Edwards (in Flying Saucers - Serious Business): "There is no doubt in my mind that these people - everyone of them - were terrified when they got to Hopkinsville Sunday night. We didn't find any little footprints - that is true - but that ground was so hard and dry that a tractor wouldn't have left much of a trace on it. I didn't make any footprints there either - so the absence of footprints doesn't prove a thing - nobody with a lick of sense would have expected to find any under those conditions. These people saw something strange. I don't know what it was.....but they saw it and they shot at it right through the doors and the windows and the sides of the house.....the holes are there to prove it."

The Lonnie Zamora case of 24 April 1964 is also discussed in the book. Taking place in Socorro, New Mexico, on the outskirts of the White Sands Testing Range. APRO was at the scene within a few hours after the sighting took place.

Zamora, a City Patrolman, was chasing a speeder when he noticed a bright blue flame and heard a loud roar coming from the area where a dynamite shack stood. Forgetting the speeder, he drove to the area to see what had happened. As he got there he saw a large egg-shaped UFO which had landed on a mesa. Beside the object were two small figures in light or white - colored coverall - like suits. He could not make out any features on the two beings.

Physical evidence at the site show that something did land there. Zamora is a very reliable witness and is not known to make up stories of any kind. I feel that this is an authentic report of the landing of a UFO and the subsequent observation of two beings beside the craft.

John and Mary Robinson, two respected UFOlogists connected with Saucer News, give a "scientifically feasibe biological hypothesis" for the spacemen in their article "The Case For Extraterrestrial Little Men", published in the Fall 1966 issue of Saucer News. They offer various evidence, which is backed by scientific breakthroughs in the fields of physiology and body chemistry, to show us that the best form for intelligent life would be similar to ours. They conclude their article with the following: "This creature will be basically like an ape, a human, or perhaps, like the frequently reported little men observed in

connection with UFO sightings."

It is therefore unlikely that the UFOs are piloted by wierd, ugly monsters that are often seen on "The Twilight Zone", "Outer Limits" or the many horror movies that use space ships from an alien planet as their theme. They would be very similar to us, which makes David Vincent's theories of aliens posing as earthlings to infiltrate our society not as far-out as everyone thinks.

An occupant case which also involved an attempted kidnapping took place on 16 December 1954 in San Carlos, Venezuela. The victim, Jesus Paz, was not kidnapped but did need medical attention as he was in shock and badly scratched.

Paz and some friends were returning from a restaurant when Paz had to relieve himself. He stepped into some bushes and was immediately jumped by a small, hairy, man-like creature. As his friends came running the creature took off. Paz was lying on the ground bleeding; the small being had entered a disc which then began to rise with a buzzing sound. One of the men threw a stone at the disc and when it hit it sounded like metal against metal.

The doctors in the hospital where Paz was taken could not explain the claw marks which were found on his right side and back.

On 1 July 1965 Maurice Masse, a French farmer, encountered two humanoid beings in his lavender field. This case was investigated by Aime Michel, noted UFO authority, who considers it authentic.

Masse, about 30 feet away from the beings, described them as being the size of an eight year old boy. Their heads, however, were huge, being about three times the size of an adults. They were white in color and completely hairless.

The only difference in the features of the aliens and our features were that the creature's mouths were just a hole. They had no lips around it and their communication did not seem to come from the mouth.

In this case, and similar cases to it, we are apparently not dealling with midgets but rather dwarfs because their heads are too large for their bodies. This usually also goes for the arms. It seems that the body is to small for the extremities.

Another thing we should clear up is the mystery over the colors of the occupants. The colors of the little men are not green. The color green was given to the beings by the press. It is nothing more than a press term to help throw ridicule on this particular aspect of the saucer phenomena. The actual colors of the aliens are very, very similar to

the colors of earthlings. There are no little green men

On 23 March 1966 Eddie Laxton, an electronics engineer from Temple, Oklahoma, reported that he saw a "human being" studying the underside of a cigar - shaped, brightly - illuminated object with four legs that had landed on Highway 70 near the Oklahoma - Texas border.

The object was about 75 feet long with four bright lights on it's side. Laxton reported that it "had a plastic bubble in front which was about three feet in diameter, and you could see light through it." There were also two and a half feet long horizontal stabilizers on a tail structure.

The strange man, which then got into the object, weighed about 180 pounds, stood about five feet nine and had a light complexion. He seemed to be about 30 to 35 years old and wore either coveralls or "green - colored fatigues."

The following is a good example of the robot - type beings that are often reported. It comes from John A. Keel, who has made an extensive study of the UFO phenomena: "Three days after the Presque Isle incident, on August 3, 1966, an unusual creature was seen on the streets of Erie, Pa. The witness, (name withheld upon request) age 50, claims that she was awakened at 5:30 a.m. by the barking of neighborhood dogs. She looked out of a window and saw what she described as a human - shaped being about 5' 6" tall. It was clothed in a yellow jacket and yellow trousers with no discernible pockets, belts, or other features. The head, she said, was huge and moon - shaped and when seen from the side the back of it's head appeared to be flat. This head was covered with 'straggly' brown hair... a muddy color. The creature had very big shoulders and a slender build. It moved with a stiff, jerky, mechanical motion, holding it's arms close to it's sides.... they did not move at all. It's legs did not bend at the knees. 'He moved', she said, 'like a mechanical wind - up toy.' Local dogs were barking at it's heels but it ignored them. The creature appeared across from the United Oil Storage tanks on W. 3rd St. in Erie and walked stiffly out of view."

These robot - type beings with melon - shaped heads and large eyes are becoming more and more common. A medical doctor and his wife reported an encounter with two such beings in August of 1962 in Argentina while John Reeves, of Brooksville, Florida, claimed he had his picture taken by one in March of 1965.

Although the humanoid beings are most often reported there have been cases of strange "monsters" which are connected with UFOs. These "monsters" could be the so - called "pets" of the humanoids or strange animals that are put on earth for a purpose. I do not feel that these "monsters" are the actual occupants of the objects.

Since November, 1966, a mysterious creature, called "Moth Man",

has terrorized the residents of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and the surrounding area. Whether this creature is associated with UFOs or not has yet to be seen but there has been considerable saucer activity in that area.

"Moth Man" is a bird - like creature about six feet high. It's wingspan is ten feet, which gives it the ability to fly at fantastic speeds. It has a human - like body which really makes it strange.

The first report was sent in by four persons who were out for a midnight ride. They reported seeing a six feet tall creature with bright red eyes. The wings protruded from it's back and it's face was not distinguishable.

The terrified persons drove to the Point Pleasant police station at speeds up to 100 miles per hour. However, "Moth Man" flew after them, staying above the car. They could see the shadow of the bird - man on the rear window.

The witnesses stated that at one time the bird - man tried to attack them and the car. It buzzed the car, making a mouse - like noise.

After reaching the station they talked the police into going back to the field with them. There, two policemen made sightings of the creature. The police went back the next day and found oval - shaped footprints four and a half inches across and strange animal droppings.

The most unusual case concerning this "thing" took place four days after the initial sighting. It involved the disappearance of a $350 German shepherd dog and an electromagnetic effect.

Newell Partridge, a farmer, reported that his television began acting up after he noticed two bright red lights in one of his fields. When the dog saw them he too began acting up.

A few minutes later, after shining a light on to the creature, the dog tore off after it. The dog never returned, it's tracks stopping right in the middle of the field.

The "Moth Man" is indeed a very strange creature.

Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour, respected UFO experts and authors of Flying Saucers Are Hostile and Strange Flying Saucer Mysterys, have done research concerning the connection of flying saucer sightings and landings and the sudden appearance of very strange gorilla - like humanoid beings that terrorize the general public. Most of the well-documented cases have occurred in Florida where Joan, editor of Saucer Scoop, has her headquarters.

Writing in the February 1968 issue of Saga, Joan and Brad mention

a number of these cases. For example, in January of 1967 two teenage couples reported seeing a thing that looked "like a big chimp, but it was greenish in color with glowing green eyes." The animal (?), which had jumped on the hood of the car, gave off a very powerful stinky odor. After leaping off the car the creature ran into the woods. A police officer, checking the car later, found a green sticky substance on the hood.

Mrs. Eula Lewis, a Saucer Scoop reporter, has seen the creature a number of times. On one occasion she reports "it moved toward me. I heard loud, thudding footsteps. It was too dark to distinguish the features but I had the impression that it was very hairy." The next morning strange footprints were found in the area. They were rounded with one big toe sticking out on each side.

There are even cases of "outer space cattle rustling" in the area. One rancher claimed that a "blue - white, egg - shaped UFO" swooped down over his herd of cattle and made off with a number of full - grown cows. Could this be food for these hairy beasts?

30 November 1966 was the date the creature made it's presence known to a lady changing a tire on Route 491, near Brooksville, the site of the celebrated John Reeves landing case of 1965. Coming out of the woods, it stopped to watch her for a few minutes. The huge creature had green eyes, a green glowing body and a hairy torso.

Most of the observers describe the creature as "standing several inches over six feet tall and weighing between 300 and 400 pounds." It is said to be very hairy and well - built.

The "Abominable Spaceman" first hit the press shortly after the Reeves' case. Joan believes there is a connection. "Let us suppose," she writes, "that the aliens have deposited a number of their 'apes,' members of a primitive species native to their home planet, on our world to see if the creatures would be able to acclimate themselves to earthly conditions. There have been many sightings of UFOs in the Brooksville area since John Reeves saw his UFO and it's 'robot.' Could it be the aliens consider Brooksville to be a farm of sorts?

"Also, if the aliens would wish to start their own 'farm' on their own planet, what better way to get specimens to take back than to set up a situation in which Homo sapiens would get curious about all this mystery and start watching the skies, staying out in the woods all night to see what could be seen? Some UFOlogists just might be in the wrong place at the wrong time some night and end up as a feature in some outer space zoo collection."

According to Brad, a journal dated 1888 belonging to a Mr. J. W.'s grandfather, tells of an Indian legend that describes, in essence, UFOs landing and dropping off hairy giants. The grandfather described one of

the creatures as being "built like a big, well-developed man, except for it's lack of neck and long body hair. It's head seemed to rest directly on the creature's head and shoulders."

Mr. J. W. writes: "Who is to say the 'crazy bears' weren't exiled to our planet for some crime or other infraction of the laws of another planet? It is not inconceivable that the hairy ones are the food animals of some distant world and were planted here on earth to produce herds... That they have not proliferated in great numbers may be due to their inability to provide for themselves."

The occupants of the UFOs are strange and very numerous. They range from three and half feet tall beings to wierd gorillas or bird - men. I guess we won't really know who they are or what they are until a saucer lands, the door opens, and the occupant says, "Take me to your leader."

Robert Easley (left) and Rick Hilberg at the scene of the February 25,1968 shooting incident at Defiance , Ohio. See page twelve.

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

by Rick R. Hilberg

As the editor of UFO MAGAZINE I am often asked my opinion of the "silence" and "men in black" cases. Up until a few months ago my standard answer would have been a flat: "The whole business is an outright fabrication!" However, in light of recent events in the UFO field I am forced to take another look - a dead serious one - at the apparently growing number of "hush-ups."

While talking with John Keel at the 1967 Congress in New York I learned that in the NY - Long Island area alone, UFO witnesses were often being visited by individuals telling them to forget about their UFO sighting. Keel even stated that on several occasions he had missed the mystery men by only minutes after having confronted UFO witnesses. Who were these men, and what was their purpose?

Most of the UFO silencings I had ever bothered to read were of the classic Bender kind where the MIB would threaten the unfortunate victim, but would never really use any physical force. To say the least it came as a shock to me to learn that on numerous occasions recently the MIB would actually "rough-up" a witness, or cause a number of strange "accidents" to beset their silence target. The fact that my own Assistant Editor had been shot at, pointed out to me only too clearly that someone or something is out to supress UFO information. Key witnesses to important UFO sightings are systematically being quieted!

Who would want to take such crude and violent steps to cloud key saucer sightings? And how could anything but a large and well financed organization tell scores of witnesses to a particular sighting to remain quiet? I am fairly certain that our government or some super-secret agency we always hear about is not in on this simply because the mystery men are not seemingly professional agents. On one occasion a silence victim crept up on his pursuer with eerie results. Some have suggested that the MIB are actually the space people, but it does not seem logical to me why the alleged space people would bring more attention to a sighting of their craft by crudely silencing the witnesses. Nothing travels so fast these days as news of a new hush-up.

After reviewing all this evidence I began to ponder why hadn't I too been visited by the mysterious men? I had been mixed up in some of the most bizarre cases one could imagine during the course of my years in the saucer field. On one occasion, on the night of October 9, 1965 I was right in the middle of one of the biggest UFO sightings ever to happen in any major city.

In the early evening hours on that dismal drizzling day scores of persons on Cleveland's western section reported sighting a huge low-flying lighted object heading to the west. There was a 2200 foot cloud layer at the time so the UFO had to have been below this altitude. The mysterious visitor was disk-shaped with bright lights around the rim with lights flashing in sequentail order.

I was called on the telephone during the height of the activity and told of what was going on, and quickly rushed outside to see for myself. Immediately after arriving in my driveway I saw the lighted object to the north. It was an amazing feeling to finally be witness to a UFO sighting. I estimated that the object was only a half-mile or less away from me and probably thirty feet in diameter - indeed a huge object to fly so low over a major city. This was an unknown case because officials could not account for the occurrence at all. There were no aircraft in the area, and the low cloud cover ruled out any possibility of an astronomical explanation. After being right in the middle of all this why hadn't I been contacted?

Actually, during the summer of '65 I did have a rather odd experience that some might classify as being representative of the tactics used by the MIB. One afternoon two men claiming to be Cleveland detectives arrived to "check on my saucer activity for a man in Florida who was considering subscribing to my magazine." Right from the start I sensed this was odd, because local police will not waste valuable time checking up on every request for information made during a week.

These two gentlemen asked me questions which only one deeply involved with UFO investigation would know. They knew names, dates, and places that were important to the UFO saga. After a half-hour of this silly grilling they left, thanking me for my "cooperation." I frankly was so upset over this whole matter that I literally shook with nervous exhaustion. I knew these man were not police detectives, and I wondered just what they wanted - and also what they might do.

I realize that by reporting this experience and my reactions to it I may be classified as being a phony hack writer trying to color my writings with a piece of cheap science fiction. But I assure you that this did happen - just like all the other weird silence cases.

Even though the UFO field is faced with a growing number of MIB cases, it faces possible destruction from within. Today self-proclaimed UFO investigators and "experts" are helping to cloud any serious non-government research that is going on. These "investigators" are proud of the fact that they use third degree tactics to harass UFO witnesses who were kind enough to let them ask questions regarding their UFO reports. These same individuals are the ones you see on tv spouting

all sorts of ridiculous misinformation, while more serious and better informed UFO investigators remain home. These same phonies publish tons of newsletters and books for the purpose of boosting their egoes and pocketbooks.

Aside from the outright phonies in the field there are those in UFO research who do not realize that "Ufology" as it stands today is a cyclic phenomenon governed by the public's changing mood for strange and unusual stories. Currently we are on a downward trend that may eventually end in a period of apathy and inactivity as was widespread in the early 1960's. Saucer researchers are unwilling to discuss the fact and take action, unfortunately. They all but refused to even send in data for a foresighted computer UFO sighting correlation started at the 1966 Congress of Scientific Ufologists. And even a vast majority of these "dedicated" researchers refuse to even attend this yearly gathering of serious UFO investigators and do anything whatsoever.

There has never before been such an opportunity for progress toward a solution to the UFO enigma by individual citizens. It would be tragic if years of dedicated and costly work by a few untiring individuals would be for nothing. It indeed will happen unless the majority finally mature.....